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Appl. No 10/790,903  
Amtd.AF dated February 17, 2006  
Reply to Final Office Action of December 27, 2005

**R E M A R K S**

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed December 27, 2005. Claims 48-79 have been canceled. Claims 80-85 remain pending.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 80-85 are allowed.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a)**

Claims 48-50, 52, 54-59, 61, 62, 64-67, 69, 71-75, 77 and 78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hauser et al. (U.S. 5,385,574). Further, claims 51, 53, 63, 68, 70, and 79 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) as being unpatentable over Hauser et al., and claims 60 and 76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) as being unpatentable over Hauser et al. and further in view of Bennett et al. (U.S. 5,331,966). While Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, in the interest of furthering prosecution, claims 48-79 have been canceled, rendering these rejections moot.

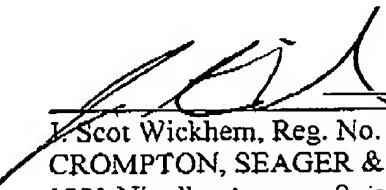
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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